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SUBJECT: OPRED - TREASURY REQUEST TO ADD FOREIGN NATIONAL
POSITION FOR STAFF OF CUSTOMS ATTACHE AT BONN

1. TREASURY DEPARTMENT LETTER REQUESTS ADDITION OF A
FOREIGN NATIONAL CLERICAL POSITION TO SUPPORT CUSTOMS
ATTACHE AT BONN.

2. JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST FOLLOWS QUOTE AT THE PRESENT
TIME, THE CUSTOMS ATTACHE, BONN, GERMANY, IS OPERATING
WITHOUT CLERICAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT IDENTIFIED AS
EXCLUSIVELY AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOMS ACTIVITIES. THIS
SITUATION HAS DEVELOPED BECAUSE OF THE IMPACT OF THE
TRANSFER OF THE NARCOTICS INVESTIGATORY FUNCTION TO THE
DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA). PRIOR TO THE
TRANSFER, THE ROLE OF BOTH CUSTOMS AND THE BUREAU OF
NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS (THE DEA PREDECESSOR)
PERSONNEL IN BONN WAS PREDOMINANTLY DRUG RELATED. THE
CONSOLIDATION OF THE DRUG RELATED INVESTIGATORY RESPONSI-
BILITY EXCLUSIVELY IN THE DEA OFFICE CAUSED THE LOSS TO
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CUSTOMS BONN OFFICE OF PREVIOUSLY SHARED SUPPORT STAFF.

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CUSTOMS ATTACHE IN BONN, GERMANY, HAVE BEEN REDIRECTED INTO OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE. SUCH ACTIVITIES GENERATE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF PAPER FLOW AND, THEREFORE, REQUIRE

SUBSTANTIAL CLERICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CUSTOMS BONN OFFICE ARE ON THE RISE, AND AS SUCH, RE-EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR FULL TIME CUSTOMS CLERICAL SUPPORT. END QUOTE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. COMMENTS BY COM CONCERNING TREASURY REQUEST, INCLUDING ANY IMPACT ON MISSION ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CAPABILITIES. RUSH

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